



Legal Department, 17th Floor
800 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02199

June 11, 2003

Via Messenger

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 03-47 NSTAR Return of Service

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed herewith for filing is NSTAR Electric and Gas's Return of Service regarding the Order of Notice and Notice of Public Hearing in the above-referenced docket.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Tam Ly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Tam Ly
617-424-2074 – Voice
617-424-2733 – Fax

Enclosures

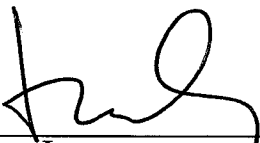
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light
Company, Commonwealth Electric Company,
NSTAR Gas Company

D.T.E. 03-47

RETURN OF SERVICE


I herby certify that publication and service of the within Order of Notice and
Notice of Public Hearing has been made and given as therein directed.



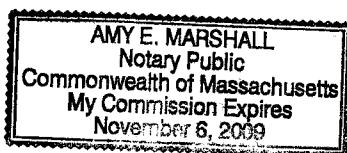
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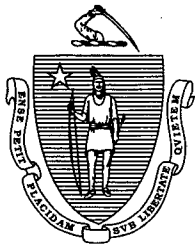
Dated: June 11, 2003

Subscribed and sworn before me
This 11th day of June 2003



Notary Public





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

May 15, 2003

ORDER OF NOTICE

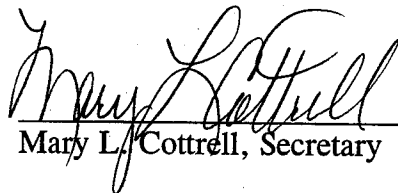
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Commonwealth Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Boston Edison Company, and NSTAR Gas Company (collectively "Companies") are required to publish the attached legal notice in either the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald, and in the Cape Cod Times, once at least twenty-one (21) days and once again seven (7) days prior to **June 12, 2003**.

The Companies are required to give notice of this proceeding to the Chairmen of the Board of Selectman, the Town Clerks, Mayors, the City Clerks of the attached list, and the parties of Boston Edison/Com Energy Acquisition, D.T.E. 99-19 (1999). The Companies are required also to make return of service and publication at the time of the first public hearing.

By Order of the Department


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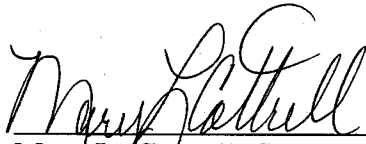
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